

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Alexander Maltsev  
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**RESPONSE**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 25, 2008, with the three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 25, 2009, please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.